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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

IPF:(1987-91) $49 700 000

(RLA/90/003) - Technical Support for the West Indian Commission on Caribean Community Orientation and Policies beyond 1992

Date of approval by the AC:1/	26 January 1990
Expected duration:	Two and a half years
Proposed executing agency:	Caribbean Community Secretariat
Government implementing agency:	West Indian Commission
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$405 000 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$405 000

Project background

The Caribbean Community and Common Market were established in 1973 to maximize the development possibilities of its member countries. During their first decade, these arrangements contributed significantly to the progress made in stimulating intra-CARICOM trade and in strengthening arrangements for functional cooperation. Progress was also made in establishing mechanisms to facilitate industrial programming and integrated production within the countries of the Community.

Confronted with major changes in the international economic environment, the Caribbean Community, during the decade of the eighties, embarked on a number of studies designed to determine the future direction of the integration movement on the basis of a more sustainable pattern of development for the region. As a result, the Heads of Government of the Member States adopted, in 1989, several decisions to advance the integration process and to place their economies on firmer growth paths. Of special importance was the decision to appoint an independent West Indian Commission to carry out consultations with a wide cross section of the Caribbean Community for the purpose of achieving consensus on the direction of change in the Caribbean.

Description of project

The development objective of the project is to enable the West Indian Commission to carry out extensive consultations with the people of the Caribbean on a range of critical issues.

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The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) establish a regional framework for retaining managerial and technical resource capabilities; (b) increase production and productivity linked to improved standards of living; (c) conduct special measures to promote entrepreneurial skills and the development of small enterprises; (d) create greater self-employment opportunities and tertiary level training in institutions; (e) establish strategies for appropriate technological development; (f) manage the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) under the Law of the Sea Convention; (g) undertake environmental management and conservation; (h) improve democratic systems; and (i) develop policies to promote a sense of the region's common destiny.

By the end of the project, the West Indian Commission will have benefitted from the widest practicable consultations over a 30 month period, which will have enabled members of the Commission to document their findings and recommended strategies for attaining the goals of Caribbean integration and development beyond 1992.

Inputs

UNDP will provide personnel (120 man-months) including a technical director, a senior technical officer; administrative support; and miscellaneous costs.

The Governments of the Caribbean Community will provide office accomodation and other facilities for the Commission, while additional support for short-term consultancies will be provided by other donors.

Financial data

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Personnel	370 000
Miscellaneous	35 000
Total	405 000

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